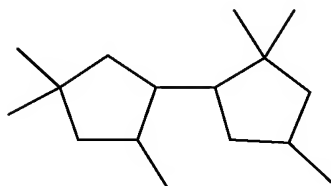


Amendments to the Claims

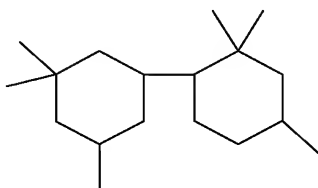
Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Previously presented) A cosmetic preparation comprising a hexamethyl dicyclopentane compound of the formula (III):



(III).

3. (Previously presented) A cosmetic preparation comprising a hexamethyl dicyclohexane compound of the formula (IV):

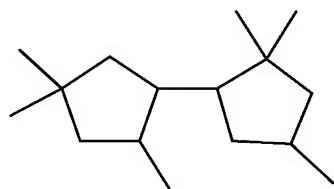


(IV).

4. (Previously presented) The cosmetic preparation of claim 2, wherein the amount of the compound present in the cosmetic preparation is from 0.1% to 50% by weight of the cosmetic preparation.
5. (Previously presented) The cosmetic preparation of claim 2, wherein the amount of the compound present in the cosmetic preparation is from 0.1% to 30% by weight of the preparation.

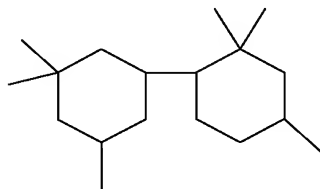
6-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a hexamethyl dicyclopentane compound of the formula (III):



(III).

15. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a hexamethyl dicyclohexane compound of the formula (IV):



(IV).

16-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) The cosmetic preparation of claim 3 wherein the amount of the compound present in the cosmetic preparation is from 0.1% to 50% by weight of the cosmetic preparation.

21. (Previously presented) The cosmetic preparation of claim 3 wherein the amount of the compound present in the cosmetic preparation is from 0.1% to 30% by weight of the cosmetic preparation.